

#### PHAP15-00042

Date: November 16, 2015

**Application Type:** Certificate of Appropriateness

**Property Owner:** Setmax LLC Representative: Cedans Architects

Legal Description: Being 23 Sunset Heights 8 To 11, City of El Paso, El Paso County,

Texas

Historic District: Sunset Heights

**Location:** 519 Los Angeles Drive

Representative District: #8

**Existing Zoning:** R-4/H (Residential/Historic)

Year Built: 1902

Historic Status: Contributing

**Request:** Certificate of Appropriateness for the rehabilitation of existing property

to include removal and replacement of exterior stairs; installation of HVAC equipment; replacement of windows and doors; modification of

window openings into doors; creation of new window and door openings; removal of doors and infill with brick; removal of the balcony;

and repaying of a walkway

**Application Filed:** 11/02/2015 **45 Day Expiration:** 12/17/2015



### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Historic Preservation Office recommends APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS of the proposed scope of work based on the following recommendations:

The Design Guidelines for El Paso's Historic Districts, Sites, and Properties recommend the following:

- Exterior stairs to upper floors should be located to the side and/or rear of a structure, rather than adjacent to the porch. Where major structural repairs are required, new construction should replicate the original work.
- Introduce fire exits, stairs, landings, and ramps on rear or inconspicuous side locations.
- Construct fire exits, stairs, landings and ramps in such a manner that they do not damage historic materials and features. Construct them so that they can be removed in the future with minimal damage to the historic structure.
- Design and construct new fire exits, stairs, and landings to be compatible with the scale, materials, details, and finish of the historic structure.
- Mechanical equipment should be installed in the least-visibly obtrusive location on the building, preferably at the rear of the building.
- In no case should mechanical equipment be installed on a visually-prominent point on a roof or where it becomes the most noticeable component of the building.
- If a new mechanical system is needed, install it so that it causes the least amount of alteration to the building's exterior facades, historic building fabric, and site features.
- When windows are involved in the construction process it is recommended to repair rather than replace.
- However, if windows are damaged beyond repair, replacement windows should match the type (such as double hung), style (for example six panes over six panes), and finish (paint).
- Windows in secondary facades shall be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Retain and preserve the pattern, arrangement, and dimensions of door and window openings on principal elevations. Often the placement of doors and windows is an indicator of a particular architectural style, and therefore contributes to the building's significance.
- When repair is not feasible, door and window products will be reviewed on an individual basis using the following criteria: a. Architectural and historical compatibility b. Comparison to original profile c. Level of significance of original doors and windows to the architectural style of the building. d. Three dimensional exterior applied muntins that simulate or match the original muntins may be approved. Single dimension interior applied muntins are not appropriate.
- Retain historic driveways and walkways, including steps and sidewalks, in their original locations. When deteriorated, repair with materials that match or are compatible to the original.
- Select appropriate paving materials for new walkways, including concrete, brick, and stone.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation recommend the following:

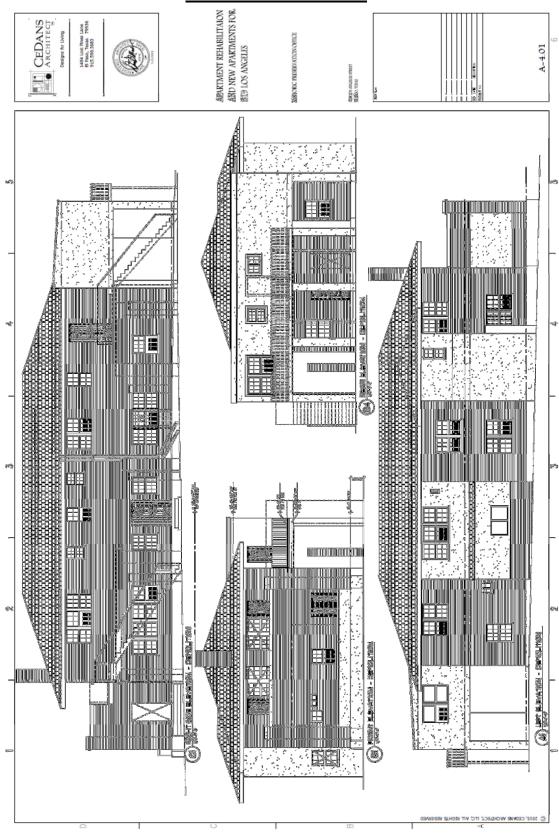
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

The modifications are that the slider window on the south elevation be replaced with an operable sash window to match the fenestration pattern of the building; that the landscaping be addressed in the future and that it meet the guidelines for landscaping the front and side yards and parkway.

# **AERIAL MAP**



## **EXISTING ELEVATIONS**



## **PROPOSED ELEVATIONS**

